

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
Kenichi Takahashi et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/720,128	)	Examiner: Myles D. Robinson
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: